

09/138,955, filed August 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,040,967, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

REMARKS

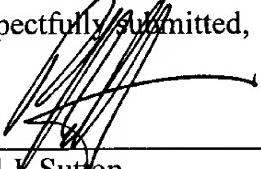
The above identified provisional application is converted to a nonprovisional application. Accordingly, claim 1 of the application is amended as shown above. Also, text has been added to the first page of the specification indicating applicants' claim of the benefit of the filing date of the provisional application. A copy of the nonprovisional application as amended above is included along with a declaration signed by all of the named inventors.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment of a provisional application, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' counsel who can be reached at the telephone number listed below.

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Version with Markings to show changes made**Amend claim 1 as follows:**

1. (amended) A residual current device having a reset lockout mechanism comprising:

a housing;

a user handle connected to a compression arm; **[and]**

a solenoid having a magnetized shaft and a relay **whereby the solenoid is** connected to the housing; **and**

a shim connected to the compression arm **[that] where the shim** is slidably engaged to move from a position between the **[path of the]** shaft and relay to a position **where the shim is not [in]** between the **[path of the]** shaft and the relay.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the first paragraph of page 1 (lines 6-14) of the specification as follows:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/277,097, filed on March 19, 2001. This application is related to application Serial No. 09/379,138 filed August 20, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/369,759 filed August 6, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/138,955, filed August 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,040,967, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference, and related to application Serial No. 09/379,138 filed August 20, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 09/369,759 filed August 6, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial no. 09/138,955, filed August 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,040,967, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.